

Recommended PPE for Carers/Staff during COVID-19 (v14)

This guidance is intended for all care workers delivering care in people's homes (Domiciliary Care)

| Setting | Context | Disposable Gloves | Disposable Plastic Apron | Fluid Repellent Surgical Mask (IIR) | Face Shield | FFP2 Masks |
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| Caring for individuals within their own home | Direct customer care – with noted Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGP)... e.g., tracheotomy/tracheostomy customers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Direct customer care , possible or confirmed case(s) within 2 metres and at risk of body fluid contamination | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | Direct care to any member of the household where any member of the household is a possible, showing symptoms or confirmed case including the customer within 2 metres and at risk of body fluid contamination | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | As per risk assessment | ✗ |
| | Direct care of a customer who falls into the extremely vulnerable group | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | As per risk assessment | ✗ |
| | Direct care of a customer with no symptoms working within 2 metres or less and at risk of body fluid contamination | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | As per risk assessment | ✗ |
| Any other work situation | No direct customer care – working in capacity of cooking, cleaning, shopping, domestic duties etc. not within 2 metres of customer. | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | In the offices/premises/branch or with other staff members | ✗ | ✗ | As per risk assessment | ✗ | ✗ |

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-how-to-work-safely-in-domiciliary-care/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-resource-for-care-workers-delivering-domiciliary-care-during-sustained-covid-19-transmission-in-england>
- Always **wash your hands** when entering and exiting a customer home, office, branch, or workplace and regularly between each different task you complete whilst supporting in the community.
- PPE should be disposed of after each session or earlier if damaged, soiled, compromised, or uncomfortable. Hands should be washed every time when removing. IIR Masks should be changed when required when working with a client at more than 2 metres. Discard used PPE into a plastic bag in an outside bin.
- Initial risk assessment should take place by phone prior to entering the premises, or at 2 metres social distance on entering the premises. This should be noted within the Customer Care Plan for use by attending Carers
- All Care workers should take in testing regimes for homecare workers to reduce the risk of transmission and help keep staff and customers safe.
- Everyone should follow updated guidance around isolation and testing